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C O N F I D E N T I A L DJIBOUTI 000889

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STATE FOR AF, AF/EX, AND AF/E
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STATE ALSO FOR L/BA DUSTIN SHARP

E.O. 12958: DECL: 06/29/2014
TAGS: PREL AMGT ABLD DJ
SUBJECT: DJIBOUTI ACCEPTS U.S. OFFER TO PURCHASE NEC SITE

REF: A. DOUBEK/MERGY E-MAIL OF 6/25/04

1B. DJIBOUTI 767
1C. DJIBOUTI 741
1D. STATE 86390
1E. DJIBOUTI 531
1F. DJIBOUTI 528
1G. STATE 69365
1H. DJIBOUTI 492

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REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

11. (C) Djibouti accepted by diplomatic note dated June 29, 2004, the U.S. offer to purchase a new embassy compound (NEC) site in the Haramous region of Djibouti for the sum of USD 1,800,000. The note, as translated from the French, is included below. Original of the diplomatic note will be pouched to OBO for relay to L, or other appropriate disposition, unless Embassy should retain. Embassy's attorney, Alain Martinet, is currently reviewing OBO's proposed option agreement to determine (Ref A) if it is a useful instrument for binding the U.S. purchase of this parcel of land.

12. (C) Begin text of diplomatic note:

Republic of Djibouti
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
Charged with Relations with Parliament

No. 1145/04/MAECI
Djibouti, 29 June 2004

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Charged with Relations with Parliament presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Djibouti and, in reference to its diplomatic note No. 041, dated 11 April 2004, is honored to be in agreement with the note. The Government of the Republic of Djibouti transmits herein the decree dated 29 May 2004, granting to the Government of the United States of America, a parcel of land located in Haramous with a surface of 40,321 square meters, to be used for the construction of the Embassy of the United States of America in Djibouti.

Moreover, the Minister brings to the attention of the Embassy that the Ministry approves the sum of the transaction of sale which amounts to 1,800,000 dollars American (one million eight hundred thousand dollars American) and specifies that the said amount must be transferred to the National Public Treasury of Djibouti.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Charged with Relations with Parliament takes advantage of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America in Djibouti the assurance of its highest consideration.

End text.
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